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Dear Henry,

Extensive radio attention to the desire to exhume Oswald's body leads to my offering unsolicited opinions on the chance they can be of use to you.

While Eddowes is totally undependable, particularly in the factual and political areas, there appears to be some question about the completeness of the autopsy. The information available to me includes no details but I am aware that the autopsy did not records indications of a mastoid operation Oswald is supposed to have had as a boy. (The CIA also had an interest in scars at the time of the Commission. My recollection is that this may have been limited to wrist scars.)

However, any question ought to be resolved. There are too many fictions tearing the country up. And the absence of indication of the operation is a substantial question. I give less credence to the varying descriptions of Oswald because they are not that uncommon.

There is no chance that the Russians wanted JFK killed. Eddowes and others like him, including too many in the CIA of the time, had their own political views and prejudices to forward.

Counterfeiting Oswald's handwriting does not appear to be likely. (I have many, perhaps all the FBI's samples, if you should want them.) Fooling his mother and brother also does not appear probably but is required by the Eddowes theory.

There was a considerable flap over the KGB defector Yuri Nosenko. In all of this, in the House committee's testimony and the confessions by the CIA what is missing is what the CIA wanted ignored but the FBI reported: Nosenko said the Russians suspected Oswald was an American sleeper agent and thus had nothing to do with him but kept an eye on him. Our Government never asked for this material and the CIA's proposals for what would be asked for were opposed by all others because they were designed to antagonize the Russians and were a glaring departure from normal diplomatic practise in their formulation.

I'd appreciate copies of any information on what is going on that is available.

If I can be of any help please ask.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg